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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in reply to an Office Action mailed 24 June 2005, which set 24 September 2005 as the initial deadline for response.

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-24 were allowed; claims 25 and 28-30 were rejected; and claims 26 and 27 were objected to for relying upon a rejected claim.

Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.

Reference number 1411 has been corrected to be number 308b described as a right side pivot pin.

Reference number 1412 has been corrected to be number 440 described as a screw.

Furthermore a reference line is present in Figures 3A and 3B but not Figures 3C or 3D. The description of the reference line found in paragraph [0035] lines 11-13 reads: "The reference line ~~310~~ 301 will be used to discuss the angular rotation of the blade 310 in Figures 3B-3D". Therefore, the reference line 301 described has been added to drawings 3C and 3D. This reference line also should not be considered new matter.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes